

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: FAO In-Country Training Program - Bangladesh

1. **PURPOSE:** To provide a summary of the FAO in-country training program and facilities available in Bangladesh to assist in selection and preparation of replacement personnel. Projected in-country trainees should use the information provided to contact incumbent trainees and/or FAO supervisor as early as possible for more detailed information.

2. **FACTS:**

a. Summary of Program:

(1) Tour Length: 12 -14 months.

(2) Normal Arrival/Departure Dates: Arrive Jan; Depart Jan-Mar of the following year.

(3) Program Description: One FAO per year arrives for ICT in Bangladesh. The FAO attends the 10 month Bangladesh Defense Services CSC (DSCSC) in Dhaka. The course start date varies, but usually begins at the end of March or early April. A post-DSCSC attachment to a Bangladesh Army unit follows. In-country/regional orientation and study is conducted prior to and/or after DSCSC attendance.

(4) Prerequisites: CPT/MAJ (CPT must have a minimum of eight years commissioned service to attend DCSCS); Bangla language desired – learned at beginning of ICT phase (DSCSC is taught in English); branch immaterial (CA preferred).

b. Transportation: FAOs are not authorized to ship a POV. There is a FAO vehicle on site for use during regional travel. This vehicle is Government property and for official use only. It is *not* a substitute for personal transportation.

c. Household Goods: FAOs are normally authorized partial JFTR, since most major furnishings and appliances are already on station. FAOs will need to bring only personal items, clothing, decorative items to include wall hangings, kitchen and garden supplies, and entertainment items such as computers, stereos, and televisions. Incoming FAOs should coordinate with resident FAOs for recommended items to bring as accompanied and unaccompanied baggage.

d. Housing is government-leased, fully furnished. A 3-bedroom residence is provided. The house is a duplex, one apartment for each FAO on overlapping tours.

e. Support Facilities:

(1) Medical: Full staffed AMEMB medical unit, within one mile of FAO house. This unit provides quality care for common South Asian illnesses and emergencies. Dental care is available at the Seventh Day Adventist clinic. Serious medical problems are evacuated to Bangkok.

(2) Dependent Schooling: Adequate English speaking school is available at the American International School, one mile from FAO house. Grades K-11; 12th grade and nursery school are available on the economy.

(3) PX/Commissary: A co-op commissary/PX facility is on the GSO compound, five miles from FAO house. Co-op commissary near the Embassy (1K) opened in summer 1994.

(4) The American Recreation Association features a club with pool, tennis courts, squash courts, restaurant, and activities for dependents.

(5) APO: A full service APO is available at the Embassy.

g. Rating Chain:

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3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- a. Bring AOC, CAS3, and CGSC materials.
- b. While desiring to maintain attendance at DSCSC, an alternative program for junior officers could be established at the Junior Officers Tactics Course at Sylhet.
- c. Accompanied tour recommended; however, Dhaka is the only 48D FAO ICT site where a single or unaccompanied retains FAO house.
- d. Regional Travel Priorities:
 - (1) Priority one: India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh
 - (2) Priority two: Nepal, Sri Lanka, China (Tibet), and Burma
 - (3) Priority three: Afghanistan, Bhutan, and Maldives

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